

PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND ISSUE REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2012

APRIL, MAY, JUNE

4/1 Children's Programs

4/8 KBZK Host:

Guest: Christopher Paolini author of the Inheritance Cycle series, Eragon, Eldest, Brisingr, Inheritance

Christopher was at the pine creek school to talk to the students about writing and how he got his start. Al Feldstein was the second guest; he also gave a demonstration at the pine creek school. Both are known artists local to Montana.

We wanted to show that we have local talent in the area, and that Montana isn't really separated from the rest of the world.

4/15 KTVQ Host: Jay Kohn

Guests: Aaron Flint, host, "Voices of Montana" - Northern Broadcasting and Dr. Craig Wilson, Q2 Political Analyst MSU-B Political Science Professor

They talked about the upcoming primary election.

4/22 KRTV Host: Erin Schermele

Guests: Becky Nelson Marathon Runner and Chris Carr Physical Therapist

They talked about training and running in marathons.

4/29 KPAX

Host: Angela Marshall

Susan Kohler/MISSOULA AGING SERVICES CEO

Renee Labrie-Shanks/MONTANA SMP MANAGER

Synopsis: According to statistics released in the 2010 Census, Montana has a very high level of senior citizens. 14.8% of the state's population are 65 years or older. And, by the year 2020, that percentage is expected to rise into the 20's. Susan Kohler, the CEO of Missoula's Aging Services, and Renee Labrie-Shanks, the manager of Montana SMP, join Montana's News Station's

5/6 KBZK

Host: Dennis Carlson

Guest: Tom Egelhoff Small Town Business Marketing

They discussed small business in Montana, what the business outlook is for small business in Montana and how business owners can best market their companies.

5/13 KTVQ

Host: Jay Kohn

Guest: Jeff Ewelt, Executive Director, ZooMontana

We talked about the zoo's difficulties over the past year in losing its accreditation from the Assoc. of Zoos & Aquariums, and its current fundraising status. Jeff talked about his transition from heading the Beartooth Nature Center in Red Lodge, to his now job as exec. Director at ZooMontana. Jeff brought in a python and hissing cock roaches from Africa for a little "show & tell". We also talked at length about the various animal exhibits at the zoo, and some of the new additions down the road. Specifically, Jeff discussed the departure of the zoo's wolverine to Minnesota for breeding purposes. Jeff also updated viewers on the grizzly cubs that left the zoo last fall, and what's next for the Siberian Tiger exhibit. Lastly, we talked about ZooGrass – the zoo's long time fundraising concert that is back by popular demand this year. This year's concert is set for Saturday, July 7th, featuring the Marshall Tucker Band, Mission Mountain Wood Band, and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

5/20 KRTV

Host: Katie Stukey

Guests: Heidi Gibson/Center for Mental Health Foundation Executive Director
Trent Lear/Center for Mental Health Clinical Director

In conjunction with mental health month, representatives from the Center for Mental Health discuss the common misconceptions surrounding mental illness, progress we're making scientifically & as a society in better understanding & treating mental illness, and the hurdles facing mental healthcare, especially in rural Montana.

5/27 KPAX

HOST: Mike Powers

Guest: Rebecca Richman Cohen Producer, "Code Of The West"

Cohen talks about her documentary, "Code Of The West," which recently premiered in a number of cities across Montana. The film documents the debate over medical marijuana in Montana, focusing on the 2011 State Legislature. Richman Cohen describes what took place behind the scenes, the drama of the legislative maneuvering, the key votes, and the passion displayed by people on both sides of the issue.

6/3 KTVQ

Host: Jay Kohn

Guest: Sen. Max Baucus D-Montana

Montana senior Senator Max Baucus was our guest. Baucus is the longest serving U.S. Senator in Montana history, and is currently the fourth longest serving U.S. Senator. (34 years)

We discussed a myriad of issues during the show, including Baucus' current Ambassadors Tour in Montana this week, including the ambassadors from Vietnam, South Korea, Australia, Brazil & Columbia.

Other issues we touched on: the current Presidential campaign, the Supreme Court challenge to the new Affordable Care Act, the Afghanistan war, the Bakken Oil boom, and his effort to pass a new Farm Bill.

We also talked at length about Sen. Baucus' effort in the upcoming 2013 Congress to rewrite the U.S. tax code.

Sen. Baucus also discussed his future plans, including his plans to seek another six-year Senate term in the 2014 election.

6/10 KBZK

Host: Dennis Carlson

Guest: Kathy Tyers, Bozeman Author

Subject: The revision of Kathy's 'Firebird' trilogy along with two other projects she's worked on. We spoke about the books in the Star Wars series that she authored. We also spoke about the growth of the on-line/on-demand publishing business and how that has changed how and when books are published. We also spent time speaking about what inspires her to write.

6/17 KRTV

Host: Marnee Banks (no guest)

Reporter Marnee Banks examines the delinquent property tax process in Montana and explains how investing in delinquent taxes has become a business for some. We talked to property owners who have lost their homes due to unpaid taxes, and counties who depend on the revenue to operate.

6/24 N/A Fill programming